

volleyball team on its state championship win. To be recognized are Coach Kelsa Walker, Assistant Coach Laine Marler, Captain Sunni Sheppard, Reagan Jordan, Emma Levingston, Cambell Herrington, Mia Williams, Katie Thornton, Layla Mccollum, Emily Davis, Ella Owens, Hannah Jo Sullivan, Brooke Bankston, Reagan Enis, Aubrey Dale, Kallie Johnson, Sophie Warren, Anna Claire Berry, Zende Wyatt, Fisher Enis, Avery Power, Taylor Shane Parker, Ragen Lamm, Ivy Bankston, and Kadence Anding.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 2023*

Mr. LaMALFA. Mr. Speaker, travel detainment caused missed vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 94.

#### ROB MALLEY MUST RESIGN

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 2023*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker it is outrageous for President Biden to waive sanctions on nonproliferation activities involving Iran, particularly in light of Iran's continued noncompliance with its Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement. Iran is racing towards a nuclear weapon while developing intercontinental ballistic missile technology and a wholesale crackdown on its own people, yet President Biden's Special Envoy for Iran, Rob Malley, will not stop in his absurd efforts to re-enter a failed nuclear agreement with the country. Iran has already threatened to vaporize Israel and deliver a nuclear attack on America.

Malley even told the BBC last week that President Biden "never said that the possibility of an understanding with Iran was dead. In fact, we have said the exact opposite time and time again."

It is obvious that the administration is showing weakness in confronting Iran which will put our ally Israel, and others in the region, in grave danger.

America will always stand with Israel. Rob Malley must resign immediately, and President Biden must end these concessions to Iran and return to a smart policy on Iran of maximum pressure on the regime while supporting the democratic aspirations of the people.

Mr. Malley's record both in government and outside of it is concerning. As former President of the NGO, International Crisis Group (ICG), Malley strongly advocated against President Trump's maximum pressure policies and for a weak foreign policy on Iran. Even worse, as StopAntisemitism.org reported this week, some of those previously associated with ICG have gone on to teach college courses calling Israel an apartheid state and refusing to acknowledge Israel's right to exist. This is sadly a threat to Israel and American families.

My concerns are still true for on the record comments I made warning Mr. Malley almost

two years ago, on February 16, 2021, in an op-ed entitled "Failed Obama-era Policy Must Not Be Repeated" for InsideSources.com:

I am deeply concerned that we are returning to the failed policies of the Obama administration as President Biden establishes a team comprised of the same people whose work led to these problems in the first place: Robert Malley, Brett McGurk, and Colin Kahl. Robert Malley, Biden's choice for Special Envoy to Iran, has a history of troubling comments and policies regarding the Iranian Regime.

It was Malley who spearheaded Obama's failed policy of working with Iran in the region, including the failed Iran Nuclear Deal, turning a blind eye to Assad's atrocities, and working with Iranian militias in Iraq to fight ISIS. Malley's approach is backward as he believes in alienating our allies in the region Israel, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Jordan, and Turkey, while strengthening our adversaries, Iran, the Assad regime, Hezbollah, and Houthi terrorists.

Malley argues his approach to Iran is rooted in diplomacy and preventing conflict, but his deal with Iran escalated regional tensions and increased resources available to terrorists.

May God provide his blessings for a free Iran. God bless our troops. God bless the United States of America.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DORA MARIE KNELL

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 2023*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Dora Marie Knell, who passed away at the age of 98 on December 19, 2022. Dora was a political activist in her community and a champion of women's rights.

Born in Sonoma County in 1924, Dora grew up in Guerneville, CA and attended Santa Rosa Junior College where she was the first woman elected student body president. She later earned her bachelor's degree in English and Journalism from UC Berkeley. Dora became a successful small business owner in Marin County, founding her own printing business, Copy Desk, in San Rafael and starting a publishing company, ETRI. In 1989, she sold her businesses and purchased several commercial properties, managing them herself.

A dedicated political activist and feminist, Dora was committed to increasing women's participation in the political process. She was a founding member of the National Woman's Political Caucus, an Emeritus Member of the Marin Woman's Political Action Committee and elected to serve two terms on the Marin Democratic Central Committee. In addition, she also served on the Marin County Grand Jury and the Marin County Housing-Family and Child Advisory Committee. Known for her vocal activism, Dora is remembered for speaking her mind and fighting for a healthy democracy.

Along with her hard work ethic and commitment to making a positive difference for others, Dora was known for her quick-witted humor, fierce determination, and generous spirit. While she will be greatly missed, her legacy will live on through the positive impact she has had on her community and beyond.

Dora is survived by her children Gregory, Catalaine, Theodora, Valerie, Vivian, Geoffrey, Derek, and her 21 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many of whom have carried on her passion for politics and public service.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in extending condolences to Dora's family and many friends and in expressing my deep appreciation for her decades of public service in her community.

#### RECOGNIZING MS. DIANA AMADOR, OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER IN THE 51ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

### HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 2023*

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Diana Amador, outstanding women's health advocate and community volunteer in the 51st Congressional District.

Ms. Amador is being honored for her efforts to provide greater access, bring equity to, and educate the community about women's reproductive health. She is also being recognized for many other volunteer efforts on other important issues.

As a volunteer of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest, Ms. Amador provides reproductive and sexual health education to destigmatize and encourage conversation, particularly in underserved neighborhoods where these resources are not a priority or non-existent. She has also helped Planned Parenthood with several projects, including 2022 Pride Parade and the "Bans off Our Bodies" rally in May 2022.

Ms. Amador has also led a Black/Latinx AIDS project where she provided sexual education to underserved high school students, along with information on navigating higher education. She has also worked with other communities in Southern California and Mexico to bring health fairs, offer preventative care, help address food insecurity, and provide STEM education and hands-on demonstrations.

Ms. Amador is being recognized as the 51st District Constituent of the Month in August 2022, during the Day of Action for Women's Health Equity, for her selfless commitment and her positive impact to others. She is a long-time resident of National City, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Evolutionary Medicine from the University of California, Los Angeles.

#### HONORING THE RIPON SOCIETY

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 2023*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important milestone in the history of The Ripon Society—the organization turned 60 this past year.

For those not familiar with the group, The Ripon Society is a public policy organization that was founded in 1962 and takes its name from the town where the Republican Party was born in 1854—Ripon, Wisconsin.

One of the main goals of The Ripon Society is to promote the ideas and principles that have made America great and contributed to the GOP's success. These ideas include keeping our Nation secure, keeping taxes low, and having a federal government that is smaller, smarter, and more accountable to the people.

For 60 years now, The Ripon Society has been promoting common sense policies and principles. Today, The Ripon Society tries to promote these policies and principles in several ways. Six times a year, for instance, the Society publishes a journal called The Ripon Forum, which has been called "reform-minded" by the Washington Post and is the longest running Republican journal of thought and opinion in the country.

The Ripon Society also holds a regular series of events geared around the issues of the day and the challenges facing our nation. These events include its Symposium on Leadership for senior Congressional staff members, that has been held at George Washington's historic estate at Mount Vernon since 2011.

Along with its partner organization, The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange, The Ripon Society also holds a dinner each year at one of our Nation's Presidential Libraries, where they present Members of Congress with the Roosevelt Leadership Award. This award honors those lawmakers who embody the qualities that Theodore Roosevelt spoke of when he said: "The credit belongs to those who are in the arena, who strive valiantly . . . who at best know the triumph of high achievement; and who, at worst, if they fail, fail while daring greatly."

The Ripon Society and Franklin Center also hold a bipartisan luncheon at the end of each

year to honor the "Unsung Heroes of Capitol Hill"—that is the schedulers and executive assistants who quietly and faithfully work behind the scenes to keep the trains running on time in both the House and the Senate.

Finally, The Ripon Society and Franklin Center also hold an international policy conference each year in a foreign capital. Called the TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange, the policy conference brings Republican and Democratic lawmakers together with their legislative counterparts overseas to discuss and learn more about the challenges facing America and her allies around the world.

At a time when so many groups and organizations seem to come and go in American politics, The Ripon Society has been a fixture for 60 years. I congratulate them on this achievement and wish them all the best in the years ahead.

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#### RECOGNIZING RICHARD FIERRO

#### HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 2023*

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Richard Fierro, a survivor of the Club Q shooting in Colorado Springs, CO, who chose to risk his life to save others, in the face of unspeakable violence.

On the evening of November 19, 2022, Richard and his family were enjoying a drag show at Club Q—a nightclub that has long been a safe space for members of the LGBTQ+ community. In the blink of an eye, an enjoyable night turned deadly.

After spending 15 years as an officer in the U.S. Army, with combat deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan, Richard's actions were instinctual. Except this wasn't a warzone—this was a night out with his family at a bar in his own backyard. As gunfire rang out around him, people screamed, and glass shattered, Richard's Army training kicked in. He ran toward the shooter—tackling and subduing him.

Not only did he subdue the gunman, but he also took charge and gave orders to those around him—attempting to establish some semblance of order amid the chaos. He placed tourniquets on his friends and reassured them they would be okay while he yelled to police that the shooter was down. There is no doubt in my mind that Richard's heroic actions saved countless lives.

Here in Colorado, we are all too familiar with gun violence and the devastating impact it continues to have on our communities. We should not still be in mourning when the next mass shooting occurs. We should not have to live in fear every time we step outside our homes. Yet time and time again, we are forced to rely on the bravery of unsuspecting patrons in clubs, restaurants, grocery stores, and dance studios to disarm shooters in this country.

We continue to mourn the lives lost at Club Q: Daniel Aston, Kelly Loving, Ashley Paugh, Derrick Rump, and Raymond Green Vance—the boyfriend of Richard's daughter. Any loss of life like this is senseless and heartbreaking, but in the face of tragedy and unspeakable darkness, there are always heroes who rise up and answer the call to service. It is an honor to recognize Richard's heroic actions at Club Q.